

Go is:

... **an ancient board game** which takes simple elements—line and circle, black and white, stone and wood—combines them with simple rules and generates subtleties which have enthralled players for millenia.

... **enjoyably played** over a wide range of skills. Each level has its charms, rewards and discoveries. A unique handicapping system leads to equal contests between players of widely disparate strengths.

... **flexible**, rewarding patience and balance over aggression and greed. An early mistake can be made up, used to advantage or reversed as the game proceeds.

... **more lateral than linear**, less dependent on logical deduction, and more reliant on a “feel” of the game, a “sense” of form, a gestalt perception of significant patterns.

... **more than just a game**, Go can take on other meanings to enthusiasts: an analogy with life, an intense meditation, a mirror of one's personality, an exercise in abstract reasoning, and, when played well, a beautiful art form in which black and white dance across the board in delicate balance.

... **most important, Go is challenging and fun!**

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